



# Dark Star Quadrant's DARK MATTERS

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## *NUQNEH!!!!*

### Hail From Admiral Khatal epetai-H'aaWk New Thought Admiral of KAG

Greetings to the Mighty Warriors of the Dark Star Quadrant!

In the last *MindScanner*, I asked the question, "So who have you challenged today?" We should ask ourselves that question because we are Klingons! We seek Honor and Glory in Battle! We are not Romulans who sit back in the shadows and plot against the enemy.

We seek them out and destroy them! For too long there has been blasted peace in the Galaxy! Our ancient enemies grow stronger in this peace and it is time to attain our revenge! As Mr. Freeze said to the Batman, "If revenge is a dish that is best served cold, then put on your Sunday finest, it's time to feast!"

Never forget how KAG emerged into Fandom with all disrupters a'blazing! Our ancient enemies will run with fear again! May Honor and Glory always walk with you!

Who have you challenged today?

Admiral Khatal epetai-H'aaWK  
Thought Admiral of KAG



### Farewell From Admiral Kuuriis epetai-Qaaluhr Former Thought Admiral of KAG

Greetings, Salutations, Felicitations and all that rot,

How to begin...or how to end...a MUCH more appropriate question...

I became Thought-Admiral in a haze of fury, at a time when everything about the club was in an uproar. It was a wild time—KAG was reforging itself and I was chosen to be the anvil...or the fire, depending on your choice of metaphor.

I was the weird one, the freak from the Demon Fleet, the guy who pants'd the admirals. Always ready with the sarcasm—and the stunts to go with it. Always chafing at the bit....

Sometimes I think I was made TA as a put-up-or shut-up move. 'Okay loudmouth, you think it's easy...' Sometimes I think I was the Epetai's cruel joke....

But most of the time I think it was just time for the lunatics to run the asylum...



I always took it that my task was to keep the club together—to thwart the factions that thought they could just carve little sections of yes-men off the club and still call themselves KAG.

Looking at KAG today I see that we're still here—even after the RoFF took their toys and vanished. KAG still spans the country—and the globe. The Stormrider Fleet kept the west alive—and the Crimson Knight Fleet brought our northern warriors back into the fold. The Sundragon Fleet keeps Australia swinging. And the Marines? Cold Terror? Dark Moon? The Demon Fleet? Loud and Proud.

But there was more. Things I said in *Demonic Press*. Things about freedom and choices and the dreaded and revered Rule 13. I tried to made KAG a freer place, a place where the members knew that, by joining, a whole panoply of things had just opened for them. And, thanks to Rule 13, that accepting that panoply meant extending it to ones fellow members

How'd I do? Well that's for you to decide.

By now you've realized that this is adieu.

Yes, friends, the KuurIIs has left the building. I am officially resigning as Thought-Admiral.

But...in my stead, and Kris's stead, I give you a warrior who will take this club to new heights, someone known to many of KAGs members already as a warrior who's always there to help. A man who leads by example.

I give you, Thought-Admiral Khatal epetai-H'aaWK.

He will serve you well.

I leave you now, to hoist the black flag once more, my ship awaits and the fires are lit. I leave you as I came, I am Thought-Admiral no more.

KuurIIs  
Of the *Dragons' Heart*

## Hail From Admiral Kruge, Returning Dark Moon Fleet CO

Greetings to the Dark Star Quad,

I have heard GOOD things about you from Lord Kalex. Rest assured that I am not here just to lead you into battle but to assist where I am needed, be confident that you can call on me for any reason.

Lord Kruge zantai-DevnoH (Admiral)  
(again) Dark Moon Fleet Commander  
Destroyer of Warriors

[darrylwatson2002@yahoo.com](mailto:darrylwatson2002@yahoo.com)

## Farewell From Kalex, Outgoing Acting Dark Moon Fleet CO

Hail Warriors,

As of 20 October, 2003 I will hand over the command of the Dark Moon Fleet to the former commander Admiral Kruge. I do this because I will be out of the country and not have a confirmed access to the Internet. As this would affect my ability to interact with my fellow Klingons, I feel it is in the best interest of KAG that I hand over the fleet to Adm Kruge.

I will not be leaving for a few weeks and shall only be gone for about a year or so. I do intend to return to KAG upon completion of my nonKlingon duties.

I expect an honorable welcome for Lord Kruge from the Dark Moon Fleet Klingon warriors in particular and the KAG Klingons in general. It will be good to have a veteran Fleet Commander coming back to KAG in a capacity that can do nothing but gain glory for the Fleet and KAG and especially the Warriors that make the club what it is.

Captain Kalex epetai-QIHqem



*Thanks to the KAG Marines site for this holo-image of Admiral Kruge (left) and Captain Kalex (right)*

## From the Dark Star Quadrant Commander

Greetings to all the brave Warriors in the Dark Star Quadrant!

Dark Star Quadrant is still serving KAG and the Klingon Empire. We have had a lot of problems this past year, but we are still here. I apologize for my lack of involvement lately. Mundane life has taken its toll on my health and finances. I hope that with the advent of 2004, things will look brighter. As the humans say, "Hope springs eternal."

### **IKV EXECUTIONER CHOSEN DARK STAR QUADRANT SHIP OF HONOR AT DRAGON\*CON 2003!**

For many years the *IKV Executioner* has been a leader among ships in Dark Star Quadrant. They have not had their status recognized until this year. So congratulations to the most senior of ships in the Quadrant, as well as possibly the fleet! Qapla' to *IKV Executioner* which was founded November 9, 1991 and celebrates its 12th anniversary shortly!

Dark Moon Ship of Honor and Best Ship at Dragon\*Con were won by ships from Dark Phoenix Quadrant. *Qapla'!*

### **RED ALERT!!!!!! SUPPORT OUR CHANCELLORS AND OTHER KLINGONS**

Warriors, I understand that Dragon\*Con 2003 was not that good for ANY of our *Star Trek* actors who were in attendance there. This is BAD!!!

Warriors, we have to get the word out to all Klingons and all *Star Trek* fans that whenever we are at a convention where our *Star Trek* actors, especially Klingon, are in attendance, we need to PLAN to support them financially.

This means buying an extra autograph, even though we already have several. This means buying a book and getting it autographed. This means encouraging other attendees of the convention to also do the same. This means getting out there as the unofficial advertisement for our actors!

You know, all the actors appreciate their fans. And they love to be invited to parties and greeted in the halls with respect and approval, but . . . that just doesn't pay the bills. And if they have work offered to them instead of coming to a convention where they won't make a dime, where do you think they will go?

Cmdr. Skal sutai-Mack-M'rel-Martok ALSO may have a plan that can be implemented to assist our Klingon Chancellors in this matter during the year when there are no conventions. He and I have discussed the possibility of him being the middle man for autographs year round. If you would be interested in getting a personalized autograph from either Chancellor Gowron or Chancellor Martok by this manner, please give him a call at (843) 744-2470.

You see, Skal is on the inside track and knows these men personally. He's been a guest in their homes. He's a trusted friend. It's time we showed that we are trusted friends as well.

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric  
CO, Dark Star Quadrant



**Warriors, Well Seasoned or Just Recruited:  
Be sure to check out the Force Recon Website!**

<http://fr.kag.org>

**It will educate and inspire YOU!!!!!!**

# From the Dark Star Quadrant Force Recon Commander

Hail Warriors of the Quadrant and beyond!

## Rank vs. Position...What's The Difference?

A lot, actually. In the world of fan-ran organizations, where no one is paid and we do it all for fun, rank is usually meant as a term to denominate years of service to a particular ship, fleet, or to the organization in general. Positions, however, are granted by how good you can do the job, and in the case of Klingons, if you just felt like killing off your superior to get the "comfy seat".

Allow me to elaborate here. Read the following taken directly from the KAG Guidelines Online:

**Ensign** - This rank is given to the commanding officer of a newly formed ship when the officer is not yet uniformed. Once this Warrior completes his uniform, he will be promoted. The rank of Ensign may be granted by Quadrant Commanders, Fleet Commanders, and Admirals. In Klingon: lagh

**2nd Lieutenant** (or **Lieutenant JG**) - IXL/Marine Lieutenant (tai) This rank is awarded when a Warrior completes his uniform. The uniform may be Classic or Imperial (modern) style. It is a Ship Commander's prerogative to pass approval on the acceptability of a Warrior's uniform. The rank of Lieutenant is usually granted by the Ship's Commanding Officer, but in the absence of one it may be granted by the Quadrant or Fleet Commander. The honorific of tai is also granted along with this rank. In Klingon: SoghHom

**Lieutenant** or IXL/Marine **Captain** (tai, vestai) -This rank is awarded when a uniformed Warrior has served his ship or division well and consistently. The rank of Lieutenant (tai) may be granted by the Ship's Commanding Officer, officers at and above the rank of Lt. Commander, Quadrant Commanders, Fleet Commanders, and Admirals. The honorific of vestai is granted as an upgrade to this rank. In Klingon: Sogh

**Lieutenant Commander** or IXL/Marine **Major** (vestai, sutai) - This rank is awarded when a Warrior's club service has reached beyond his own ship and has begun to have regional influence. The honorific of vestai is carried over with this promotion. The honorific of sutai is granted as an upgrade to this rank. This rank may be granted by officers with the rank of Captain or above. In Klingon: la'Hom

**Commander** or IXL/Marine **Lieutenant Colonel** (sutai) - This rank is awarded to seasoned, active Warriors whose service and influence has extended to the fleet-wide level. The honorific of sutai is carried over with this promotion. The rank of Commander may be granted by officers with the rank of Admiral or above. In Klingon: la'

**Captain** or IXL/Marine **Colonel** (sutai, zantai) - This rank is awarded to the Warrior whose service is consistently at the fleet-wide level and has begun to extend to the club-wide level. The honorific of sutai is carried over with this promotion. The honorific of zantai is granted as an upgrade to this rank. The rank of Captain and/or the honorific of zantai may be granted by the Thought-Admiral and/or a consensus of the Admiralty. In Klingon: HoD

**Admiral** or IXL/Marine **General** (zantai) - Seasoned Commanders of the Fleets, Seasoned Warriors commanding a national division, Seasoned Warriors whose activities are usually at the fleet- and club-wide levels. The honorific of zantai is carried over with this rank. The rank of Admiral is granted by the Thought-Admiral with the consensual agreement of the Council. In Klingon: 'aj (Admiral) or Sa' (General)

And now read this about positions, as well taken from the KAG Guidelines Online:

"Positions in KAG are offices of responsibility... primarily, the responsibility to communicate.

Command position in KAG is not the same thing as rank, and it is not tied to rank. Although command positions are often filled by higher-ranking members, this is not always the case. There have been instances of someone with the rank of Lt.-vestai being assigned to the position of Quadrant Commanding Officer, and someone with the rank of Commander being assigned the position of Fleet Commanding Officer.

Positions in KAG have traditionally been filled by the out-going officeholder choosing a successor, usually after consulting with those above him in the CoC, although there are occasional regional variations on this method throughout the club.

As with rank, these positions are not license to issue orders, they are offices of responsibility for the coordination of communications and activities throughout different levels of the club. Fulfilling the duties of these offices is a challenging endeavor, and can be time consuming and a lot of work." Allow me an example. Zanyhead is the Executive Officer of the IKV High and Mighty, and his rank is that of General. Loosebowels, whose pants runneth over, is the Commanding Officer of that same ship (IKV High and Mighty) but his rank is that of Commander. How is this possible?

There are many variables, but since this is my story, I will tell it. Commander Loosebowels started the *High and Mighty* four years ago as a Lieutenant. His ship has grown and met wide acceptance and accolades within the Fleet. General Zanyhead was a former Fleet CO and decided he needed somewhere to cool his heels, but not dip out of the killing and honor hunting entirely. He finds a worthy vessel, and asks to come aboard. Loosebowels is overcome with whatever is close to elation for Klingons and asks the General to be his Executive Officer. Zanyhead agrees.

Now why didn't General Zanyhead say "Screw you pooppy pants! I'm running this show!" Because, and here's the kicker boys and ghouls, **POSITION TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER RANK!!!** Re-read that second line again...here let me quote it for you, "Command position in KAG is not the same thing as rank, and it is not tied to rank."

What does all of this mean?



Rank makes a fan organization more enjoyable...gives it more of a Trekkish feel. I am not saying rank is not something to be proud of, quite the contrary. I am proud of my Marine Captain vestai-ancy (is that a real word?) as I am also proud of my Captaincy in another Trek organization I am in (yes, full four pippier that I am). However, it is still possible for a General to have to report to a Commander. Why?

Let's say it together this time...**POSITION TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER RANK!!!**

Every command position within any fan-ran organization has responsibility that comes along with it. A ship CO is responsible for his/her vessel and its interactions with the other vessels surrounding her. A Quadrant CO is responsible for an entire quadrant of ships, and a Fleet CO is responsible for multiple quadrants, and so on and so forth. But does the rank that person holds majorly affect the decision of the Admiralty Board to award that person the position? I hope I can say not a whole lot.

Now we don't want a green Ensign being in charge of a Fleet. That could cause some waves, more or less. But KAGers and Fleeters and every other organization must realize that rank is not the "buck stops here" aspect. It is the position that person holds. General Zanyhead knew Commander Loosebowels was his superior officer. Could the General over rule a decision that affects the ship made by Loosebowels? No, because his position as CO vs. XO dictated he could not. Regardless is RANK, the POSITION of a person is what counts.

For your enjoyment, I will also include a rough diagram of the Chain of Command.

You, the individual Klingon -- let's say, for sake of argument, your rank is Ensign.  
The ship CO -- His rank is Commander.  
The Quadrant CO -- Her rank is Admiral.  
The Fleet CO -- His rank is Captain  
The Division Head -- Her rank is General.  
The Thought Admiral

Now, does the conflicting ranks of Quadrant CO to Fleet CO mess with your mind? I hope not, or this article is a waste. Does this mean, since the Fleet CO is a Captain, that the Quadrant CO can bypass him and report to the Division Head? Certainly not.

Having said all of that, there is only ONE rank that does mean the position which he/she holds. The Thought Admiral. They are the Big Cheese, the Head Honcho, the Main Dude, the Buck Stops Here aspect. But this is THE ONLY ONE like this in the entire chain.

I sincerely hope this article was informative as well as entertaining. If you have found my writing crude, sorry don't read my next one <G>. However, if you rather like it in a "oh my god a train wreck and I have to look a way but I can't" kinda way, cool! That's what I want. If you have questions, please contact me!

*Qapla'!*  
Marine Captain MemtoK' S'VorhA vestai-DevnoH'  
Commander, Force, Recon, Dark Star Quadrant  
International Liaison for Force Recon

## From the Dark Star Quadrant Quartermistress

Hail Warriors!

Listen to the HOWL of this Warrior from the den of the *IKV Raging Wolf!*

I made it to Dragon\*Con on Labor Day weekend. By Kahless, I have never seen so many humans in all my life! I have never seen so many Klingons of all kinds on one place either!! *Qapla'!*

We helped with a Hospice event on the 18th of October at Enon Baptist Church. We joined our local Freddie friends to assist in this worthy cause. Unfortunately, one of the vessels we were traveling in broke down and we arrived late. But we were there! I understand they raised a little over \$200 at this event.

It's time to suit up and head for War! Klingons, local and quadrant-wide, we are getting left out on costuming. I had a grand time at Dragon\*Con and got thousands of ideas for outfits, as I am sure everyone who attended did! And if you didn't, I hope you are inspired by the pictures later in this issue of Dragon\*Con attendees! Let's get those outfits together!

I will be checking with Keela to find out if it is possible to set up a workshop sometime in the near future for local Klingons. Everyone is, of course, invited! But you will have to bear with me. I will not be able to make these outfits for you, but I can advise. I have had some problems with my shoulders. I went on October 21st for my MRI and the diagnosis was: infection, calcification, and deterioration, but no surgery for right now.



If you need further information on making outfits or have questions, please contact me at kehlyr@bellsouth.net. You must put KAG in the subject line or I will not respond and will delete your message. This is to make sure I do not get spammed or viruses.

I will try to help you all I can. I know times are hard. No one knows that better than I do. But you can take nothing and make something out of it. Go to yard sales and flea markets to find old coats, fur, etc., for almost nothing. Use those during cold weather because it keeps you warm. Believe me, it comes in handy! Black turtlenecked, long-sleeved shirts are usually always available at thrift shops, but found more readily in the spring. Long scraps of material that can be folded in half, make a great honor sash.

Brads and studs can be used to make decoration and even silver tarp can be used to make stripes on your Warrior's vest. Regular black shirts, long sleeved or short, can be made into Klingon armor with a little moderation. Klingons, a 50 cent to 75 cent shirt can be made to look like a \$000 vest with a little work.

Hear me and heed!

Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr vestai-Atratties-Septaric  
Quartermistress, Dark Star Quadrant



## Dark Star Quadrant Recent Promotions:

### *IKV Mahless Heart*

**October 12, 2003**

Lt. K'Muhl vestai-Dok'Marr' to Lt. Cmdr. K'Muhl vestai-Dok'Marr'

### *IKV Stonedagger*

**September 7, 2003**

Lt. MemtoK' tai-DevnoH to Marine Captain MemtoK vestai-DevnoH

Ship COs, Please inform me of any and all awards and promotions on board your ships!

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric  
CO, Dark Star Quadrant

## Honors and Awards Received by Members of Dark Star Quadrant:

### *IKV Executioner*

#### **Dragon\*Con**

The *IKV Executioner* was awarded the Dark Star Quadrant Ship of the Year at Dragon\*Con 2003! *Qapla'!!!*

### *IKV Mahless Storm*

**October 12, 2003**

Cmdr. Skal sutai-Mack-M'rel-Martok traveled to Newport, NC to award Lt. Cmdr. K'Muhl vestai-Dok'Marr' the Dark Star Quadrant award for outstanding service, the Glorious Victory Award, as well as the second CHANCELLOR'S ORDER OF THE BATLETH for outstanding Warriors. *Qapla'!!!*

Of note, Lt. Cmdr. K'Muhl has successfully undergone surgery to remove tumors from his spine and is doing well at this point. He is scheduled for further surgery to remove tumors from his brain in the upcoming months. Please keep him in mind!

## Dien Ki Dow With Nervous Hu-Man

Due to circumstances beyond our control Chef Dien Ki Dow's food column will not appear this issue. Keep looking in upcoming issues for more of her delicious recipes!



# HOUSE KLAG FORMS

All fellow Warriors,

I have built a website for my House. Its not much, but it will do for now.  
I hope it will bring honor to The House Klag and its few members.  
We are aligned with House DevnoH and are negotiating with House QIHqem.

The url is [www.geocities.com/b\\_a\\_hawkins/House\\_Klag.html](http://www.geocities.com/b_a_hawkins/House_Klag.html)

*Qapla'*

**Lord Klag**

aka Lt. Cmdr. BortoH vestai-Klag

## GREETINGS TO DARK STAR QUADRANT FROM HONORARY *IKV EXECUTIONER* CREWPERSON FROM NETHERLANDS

The Warrior pictured at right is Lt. Koi tai, Klingon Warrior at Large from the Netherlands and honorary member of the *IKV Executioner* of Dark Star Quadrant.

Koi, aka Alberto Gorrin, has battled bravely for the Klingon Empire and, for the most part, by himself in his section of the galaxy.

Here he is in his classic Klingon attire, ready for battle.

*Qapla'*, Koi and may all your battles be glorious!



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# ***DARK MOON FLEET NEWS***

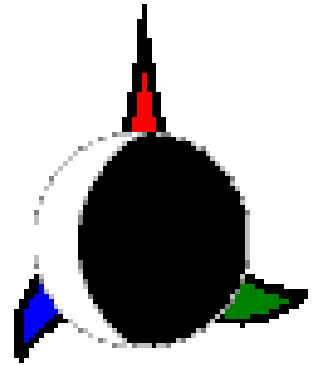
## **WELCOME BACK, ADMIRAL KRUGE!!**

Dark Star Quadrant would like to welcome back Admiral Kruge epetai-DevnoH as CO of the Dark Moon Fleet!

Admiral Kruge, your faithful Warriors from Dark Star Quadrant stand ready to assist you in battle. You have but to give the word! We look forward to cracking open many barrels of bloodwine in your honor.

May your enemies fall at your feet, O Destroyer of Warriors!!

*Qapla'!*



## **GOOD HUNTING, CAPTAIN KOLEX!!**

Dark Star Quadrant would like to thank Captain Kalex zantai-QIHqem for all his hard work in keeping Dark Moon Fleet going strong while Admiral Kruge was on medical leave. We would also like to thank him for his unwavering support of Dark Star Quadrant.

We honor your memory while you are gone and look forward to your swift return.

May you be victorious in all you undertake and may Kahless watch over you and grant you wisdom!

Until we meet in battle again,

*Qapla'!*

## **DARK MOON FLEET WEBSITE**

Dark Moon Fleet Website: <http://www.darkmoonfleet.org>

# ***KAG NEWS***

## **WELCOME ADMIRAL KHATAL EPETAI-H'AAWK, NEW THOUGHT ADMIRAL OF KAG**

Dark Star Quadrant would like to welcome and congratulate Admiral Khatal epetai-H'aaWk, the new Thought Admiral of KAG.

Admiral Khatal, we of Dark Star Quadrant stand ready to offer our lives for you and the Klingon Empire! Command us and we follow! We raise our mugs of bloodwine to you and hail you, Noble Warrior! You are our leader and we are yours to command!

May all your battles be glorious and all your victories be immortalized!

*Qapla'!*



## **THANK YOU, ADMIRAL KUURIIS!**

Dark Star Quadrant would like to thank Admiral Kuuriiss epetai-Quuluhr, former Thought Admiral of KAG, for all of his service and help to KAG in a time when we needed him to bring a measure of sanity (and insanity) to the Empire.

We of Dark Star Quadrant thank you for all of your help and support. It was appreciated.

As the returning leader of Demon Fleet, we raise bloodwine to your continued success! May all your battles be won and your enemies wear your bootprints on their posteriors! *Qapla'!!*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ADMIRAL KERLA ZANTAI-MAHCHA' NEW CO OF COLD TERROR FLEET

Dark Star Quadrant would like to congratulate Admiral Kerla zantai-MaHcha' on being appointed the new Commander of the Cold Terror Fleet! Admiral Kerla (pronounced "care-la") has served long and well as CO of Demon Fleet. She has turned that challenging <grin> task back over to Admiral Kuuriis. She will be a tremendous asset to Cold Terror Fleet, as she has been no matter what area she has served the Empire in.

Dark Star Quadrant salutes you, Mighty Warriress!!! *Qapla'!* in all you undertake, and may joy and victory be yours always!!!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO LT. RI'PAR VESTAI-BORTAS, NEW CO OF COLD REVENGE QUADRANT

Dark Star Quadrant would like to congratulate Lt. Ri'Par vestai-bortaS in his new appointment as Commander of Cold Revenge Quadrant! One of your greatest challenges has been handed to you. We do not doubt you will surpass all expectations! *Qapla'!!!!*

May all your battles be glorious and victorious!

## KAG WEBSITES

KAG Main Website: [www.kag.org](http://www.kag.org)

KAG Force Recon Website: <http://fr.kag.org>

KAG Database: [www.roguephoenix.org/KAG/database.htm](http://www.roguephoenix.org/KAG/database.htm)

KAG Marine Website: <http://kagmarines.org>

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KAG Xeno Legion Website: [www.kag.org/ixl/](http://www.kag.org/ixl/)



## GENERAL NEWS

### STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL IN GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS AS LARGEST SCI-FI CLUB

GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS  
HISTORY AND SOCIETY << << LARGEST SCI-FI CLUB

Largest Science Fiction Club

The science fiction club with the largest membership is Starfleet International *Star Trek* Fan Association. Founded in 1974 and based in Maryland, USA, the organization boasts over 4,100 annual members all dedicated to the ideals of the *Star Trek* television series.

There are hundreds of Starfleet chapters around the world – from Britain and the USA to Moldavia and Uzbekistan – united by the Prime Directive: “To share our interest in *Star Trek* in an open environment, to serve our community, and to have fun.”

Thanks to L. Captain Mirodon vestai for this heads up!

**THE CHALLENGE IS SET BEFORE US, WARRIORS!!!  
LET'S INCREASE OUR RANKS AND OUTSTRIP THESE FEDDIE UPSTARTS!**

**Seriously, congratulations to Starfleet International!!!**

## MEMORIAL SITE FOR RECENTLY FALLEN WARRIORS

After talking with TADM Kethas recently, he gave me the URL for the Memorial of these fallen warriors: [www.geocities.com/thinganworad/krev.html](http://www.geocities.com/thinganworad/krev.html)  
I publish this in their honor. The lights of the *ICV Heghnach* are also dimmed in their honor.

Colonel K'moghjIH sutai-Ki'RK  
CO, *ICV Heghnach*  
House Ki'RK

## KILL BILL HONORS KLINGONS

Quentin Tarantino's latest film, *Kill Bill*, opens with the words, "**Revenge is a dish that is best served cold.**" -- old Klingon proverb

Most Klingons who have seen it say the movie is GREAT, but if you are put off by excessive violence, you might not enjoy it. Thank you, Mr. Tarantino; you honor us! Thank you.

## RENE AUBERJONIS SPEAKS OUT ABOUT SLANTED FEDORA

Forwarded with permission and by request of René Auberjonois (Odo on DS9) by Carolyn Peters. (Note that Carolyn Peters is the president of Rom's Bar, the official Max Grodénchek fan club, which is how she has these contacts.)

Mary Kane  
[waikato@earthlink.net](mailto:waikato@earthlink.net)

—Original Message—

From: "Carolyn Peters" <RomsBar@carolina.rr.com>  
To: "USSHornet" <SFI-USSHornet@yahogroups.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2003 8:32 PM  
Subject: [SFI-USSHornet] René Auberjonois on Slanted Fedora

**I received this today (October 21, 2003) from the Official Rene Auberjonois Fan Club:**

**Over the last year I have been hearing rumours regarding Dave and Jackie Scott at SLANTED FEDORA. Rumours to the effect that they have defaulted on agreed payment to actors appearing at their conventions.**

**This September I received a last-minute, somewhat desperate, request from Dave. He asked me to step in for Billy D. Williams, who had just canceled his scheduled appearance in Kansas City.**

**Dave said: "I know there are some ugly rumours out there...but remember, there are two sides to every story".**

**I've worked with Dave and Jackie over the last few years and had no problems...I took him at his word.**

**Let me cut to the chase. The check bounced and I have been unsuccessful in contacting anyone at "Slanted Fedora". My E-mails and phone messages have gone unanswered.**

**I am relating this for several reasons.**

**First, and foremost, to warn anyone who is booked or considering working with Dave and Jackie .**

**Second, to request that you consider refraining from supporting them until they clean up their act.**

**Third, that you spread the word to anyone you feel appropriate, (i.e. fellow performers, fans, dealers, et al.).**

**Thanks for you consideration in this matter.**

**René Auberjonois**

(Mary, this has René's permission to cross post as appropriate. You have my assurance that it is a legitimate communiqué from him.)

**THIS UNFORTUNATE SITUATION IS REALLY NO SURPRISE TO THE KLINGONS OF DARK STAR QUADRANT  
AND CHA'OUW EMPIRE AS SOME OF US HAVE HAD UNFORTUNATE DEALINGS WITH DAVE SCOTT IN THE PAST AS WELL.  
WE HOPE MR.AUBERJONIS' PROBLEM OF PAYMENT DUE GETS RESOLVED SOON.**

# SHIP REPORTS

## NAVY



### *IKV Blood Claw*

Hail Sister Keela:  
Again here is another report from us here on the Klingon ship here in McCon . . . er, Yor . . . uh, Rock Hill, SC!! (Yeah that is it!) Talk to you later Commander!

*Qapla'*

Lt. Cmdr. Rlikay sutai-Septaric  
Commanding Officer  
*IKV Blood Claw*

**The *IKV Blood Claw* continues to be an active vessel with meetings once a month at the CO's home coordinates. They are a good example for all of us! *Qapla'!*  
Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric**

#### **Report from the IKV Blood Claw 9/3/2003**

We finally had a little success with attendance this last meeting, so who knows maybe things are slowly starting to improve. We had a very nice time at the last meeting, and the three of us (yes THREE) are looking forward to the next one.

Puavachorg (Sherman Burris) definitely surprised me and Evolcott, and we are always hoping others will do the same. A new activity was even discussed for the month of September and we all agreed it would be a great idea, so we plan on having a little meeting/party festivity this month to see a end to the summer and even plan on inviting all the Feddies. So who knows, challenges may erupt at this one after all.

Lastly I would like to add a Howl of Sympathy for all who had losses and tragedies this last month (they know who they are) and hope that all goes well for them in the future.

Lastly Commander, allow me to say there has been a change of name and family line for one of our members: Lt. Pavachorg vestai-v'Stalo is now Lt. Chorgh vestai-Septaric! We have openly and honorably added him to the family line of Septaric and hope you will do the same.

*Qapla'*

Lt. Cmdr. Rlikay sutai-Septaric  
Commanding Officer  
*IKV Blood Claw*

### *IKV Demonlance*

*On behalf of the CO of the IKV Demonlance, Cmdr. Skal sutai-Mack-M'rel-Martok, I electronically pen this report after speaking with him at on the phone. Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric*

Cmdr. Skal sutai-Mack-M'rel-Martok drove from Charleston, SC up to New Bern, NC to award Lt. Cmdr. K'Muhl vestai-Dok'Marr the CHANCELLOR'S ORDER OF THE BAT'LETH, signed by both Chancellors Gowron and Martok. He also granted to him, on my behalf, the Dark Star Quadrant's service commendation, the Glorious Victory Award.

This was truly above and beyond the call of duty, and typical of Skal.

Not only that, but Skal also assisted Chancellor Martok at Dragon\*Con with the manning of his table while the Chancellor had to be away. *Qapla'!*

The *IKV Demonlance* continues to do well and we commend Glory and Honor upon her and her crew, especially her noble and dedicated CO, Cmdr. Skal!



### *IKV Eclipse*

No report received this quarter.

## ***IKV Glory Hunter***

No report received for this quarter.



## ***IKV Gre'thor***

No report received for this quarter.

## ***KPV Krimson Fury***

No report received for this quarter, but I have been in touch with Lt. Q'Lorta regarding a possible KAG Christmas party! Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric

## ***IKV Krystal Dagger***

No report received for this quarter.

## ***IKV Shadow Dragon***

No report received for this quarter.

## ***IKV Shadowrider***

No report received for this quarter.



## ***IKV Stonedagger***

No report received for this quarter, but I have heard from Lt. Cmdr. K'Targ that Carolinas' Challenge was a failure. Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric

## ***IKV Stormbringer***

No report received this quarter.



## ***IKV Stormwalker***

No report received this quarter



# SHIP REPORTS

## MARINE

### ***IKAV Black Talon***

The *IKAV Black Talon* is once again dry docked. No report this quarter.

### ***IKAV Khitomer's Vengeance***



Honored Commander,

My apologies at the lack of communication in the recent months. The requirements of my mundane life have taken up much of my time and left me little for the pursuit of Klingon matters. I state simply that we of the *IKAV Khitomer's Vengeance* are still alive and well. With the coming months, I hope to return to my more active status.

I remain,

M. Lt. K'Tarr tai

Thanks to the KAG website  
for the Marine Graphic!

# SQUADRON REPORTS

## NAVY

### DEATH TOUCH SQUADRON

#### AUGUST SYNOPSIS

Level of activity in the Squadron is reduced due to financial constraints on all member Warriors. Then one ship was hit hard by a brutal crime, which impacted all of us.

On August 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Catawba Valley Astronomy Club's gathering at the Lucile Miller Observatory in Maiden, NC, a telescope was dedicated to the memory of Star Trek Independent Fleet member Jimmy Tillman who passed away on his birthday in June. Many Klingon Warriors attended this occasion. In fact, we outnumbered the STIFs significantly. Jimmy was a friend to Klingons. We admired his warped sense of humor and welcomed him at any of our events. He will be missed.

I thank each and every Warrior named here who heeded my call to make a good showing to HONOR the memory of Jimmy Tillman. From the *IKV Executioner*, attendees were: Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai-Septaric, CO; L. Captain Dracos, L. Lt. Seven of Nine, and C. Lt. K'Terror tai. From the *IKV Blood Moon*, attendees were: Lt. Gorrath tai, Lt. T'Mar tai, C. Lt. Valkyrie, C. L. Lt. T'Ball and C. L. Lt. Gornie. From the *IKV Raging Wolf*, attendees were Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric and Lt. Katkith vestai.

Lt. Katkith filmed the proceedings and also filmed some additional *Trekkies II* footage. (It is hoped that some of us will appear in the movie at some point.)

The *IKV Raging Wolf* had a meeting in Boone, NC on August 2nd. The meeting of the *IKV Blood Moon* was cancelled due to a family tragedy. The niece of Lt. T'Mar tai was murdered along with 3 other people in Gastonia. It was horrific. They have the alleged killers behind bars awaiting trial.

On August 16th a new Star Trek Independent Fleet vessel was commissioned, the *USS Tillman*. Klingons attending this function were Lt. Drakus Dredwar tai, Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr vestai-Atratties-Septaric, and Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric. A poem in Jimmy Tillman's honor was written by L. Lt. T'Kel of Vulcan and read by Keela. She also presented her STIF Lifetime Achievement Award to the Tillman Family in honor of Jimmy.

The *IKV Executioner* had a meeting on August 23rd. Designs for the *IKV Raging Wolf* and Death Touch Squadron were unveiled by Karrtush Degar, and a revised design for the *IKV Blood Moon* was presented as well. A good time was had by all! We got to see the rare and elusive L. Captain Kaltia Knight at this event! A lot of the talk centered on Dragon\*Con which was imminent.

The *IKV Executioner* took on an honorary member from the Netherlands. Welcome to Lt. Koi tai (aka Alberto Gorrin), classic Klingon!

Dragon\*Con attendees from Death Touch Squadron included: Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric, Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr vestai-Atratties, L. Captain Kaltia Knight and her diplomatic escort, Nikki Pope; and Lt. Katkith vestai. It was glorious!!!!

#### SEPTEMBER SYNOPSIS

Level of activity in the Squadron is reduced due to financial constraints, health problems, and other obligations on all member Warriors.

Two ships of the Squadron attended the *IKV Blood Moon* meeting on September 26th at the home coordinates of CO, Lt. Gorrath tai. A good time was had by all. The *IKV Blood Moon* attendees were the CO, his mate, T'Mar; and cadets, C. Lt. Valkyrie, C. L. Lt. T'Ball, and C. L. Lt. Gornie. Attending from the *IKV Raging Wolf* were new member, Lt. Ka'Rowe vestai-Septaric; Lt. Katkith vestai, and Commander Keela sutai-Septaric.

There were no other meetings in September.

Current plans are to have a Death Touch Squadron t-shirt sometime in the future.

#### OCTOBER SYNOPSIS

We had planned to participate in the Quadrant Away Mission to a Primitive Planet, but it was cancelled because of the poor financial status of the Klingons in the Quadrant. The CO of Death Touch Squadron was also plagued with subspace communication problems and was off-line for almost a full month.

Members of the Death Touch Squadron (representatives from all three ships) attended the Star Trek Independent Fleet Fundraiser for Hospice of Burke County on October 18th. Though one of our vessels broke down, we managed to arrive there around noon and stay until about 4:00 p.m. A celebration of Gorrath's birthday was held, with a nod to all of the other crew persons with birthdays that month. \$202 was collected by the STIFs. *Qapla'!*

Attendees were from the *IKV Executioner* were CO, Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai-Septaric, L. Captain Dracos, L. Lt. Seven of Nine, and Cadet L. Lt. K'Terror tai. The *IKV Blood Moon* attendees were the CO Lt. Gorrath tai; his mate, T'Mar; and cadets, C. Lt. Valkyrie, C. L. Lt. T'Ball, and C. L. Lt. Gornie. Attending from the *IKV Raging Wolf* were new member, Lt. Ka'Rowe vestai-Septaric and Commander Keela sutai-Septaric.

On October 25th, the Klingons joined the STIFs at their annual booth at the Lions Club Carnival in Granite Falls, NC. It was a lot of fun, but not as many Klingons showed up, but all were appreciated. Klingon attendees were all from the *IKV Raging Wolf* and consisted of: Lt. Ka'Rowe vestai-Septaric, Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr vestai-Atratties-Septaric, Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric, and a cloaked Lt. Katkith vestai.

On October 31st members of the *IKV Executioner* arranged an invasion of the Fat Friday Home Game at Freedom High School. It looked like Freedom had it in the bag until the last minute and a half of the game when East Burke upset with the win. A good time was had by all. Attendees were Lt. Ka'Lib tai, Lt. Ka'Shara tai, Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric (all in armor) and a cloaked Katkith and Ka'lib and Ka'Shara's cloaked neice and nephew. Plans to eat out afterwards were foiled by the early closing time of the Taco Bell / KFC combo restaurant. A rain check will be taken.

## *IKV Blood Moon*

Hail Commander!

I've made contact with the Hospice here in Gastonia. The lady I talked to said that she would contact the one up there and find out how to use our services. She sounded very pleased to hear from us. I also gave her my e-mail address and my phone number. She said that they didn't have anything planned yet, but would let me know when she did.

**Also, I have made contact with the local Media Play in Gastonia, NC with the result being an event on November 22, 2003 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to help children at the Carolina's Medical Center. All Warriors in the area are hereby called into battle!!!**

Best upcoming holiday wishes!

Lt. Gorrath tai  
CO, *IKV Blood Moon*



## *IKV Executioner*

Hail Warriors!

Tarak Nor now has new orbiting coordinates. Same mailing address, but instead of Lot 138, we are in Lot 58 at a much higher altitude in a brand new space station! We are in the process of moving and have been pretty busy doing that. We hope to attend some of the parades that are planned in our area and get continue to get settled into our new home.

Happy Thanksgiving to all Warriors! May you eat much Fowl or Targ!

*Qapla'!*  
Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai-Septaric  
CO, *IKV Executioner*



## *IKV Raging Wolf*

Greetings Warriors!

There are some Christmas parades planned for early December. We will join the STIFs on December 6th at 10:30 a.m. in Granite Falls at the First Baptist Church. Afterwards, the STIF Christmas party will be held at McGuffy's and the Klingons are invited.

On December 11th the parade in the City of Hickory will occur. We will assemble at 4:00 p.m. for an evening parade at a yet unknown location. On December 13th the Lenoir City parade will assemble at 8:30 a.m. on College Avenue by way of Light Street. All Klingons, Aliens, and Feddies are invited to attend any of these two parades.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric  
Acting CO, *IKV Raging Wolf*

# MAHLESS FIRE SQUADRON

## QUARTERLY STATUS

*On behalf of the CO of the Mahless Fire Squadron, Lt. Cmdr. Qamtin vestai-Dok'Marr', I electronically pen this report after speaking with him at on the phone several times. Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric*

Business as usual, including regular meetings and gatherings were put on hold by the serious health condition of Lt. K'Muhl vestai-Dok'Marr', the CO of the *IKV Mahless Storm*, one of Mahless Fire Squadron's finest vessels. Lt. K'Muhl who had served the Empire well for many years was stricken by a dangerous Terran disease called cancer. It manifested itself on his brain and spinal cord. The situation was grave, very grave, and still is serious.

After consultation with and recommendation of Lt. Cmdr. Qamtin vestai-Dok'Marr', I decided to promote Lt. K'Muhl to Lt. Cmdr. This would be done by Lt. Cmdr. Qamtin on my behalf in a ceremony on Sunday, October 12th.

Cmdr. Skal sutai-Mack-M'rel-Martok drove from Charleston, SC up to New Bern, NC to attend the ceremony and to award Lt. Cmdr. K'Muhl the CHANCELLOR'S ORDER OF THE BAT'LETH, signed by both Chancellors Gowron and Martok.

He also granted to him, on my behalf, the Dark Star Quadrant's service commendation, the Glorious Victory Award. He had earned this through much service to his ship, crew and squadron over the years.

As of this writing, Lt. Cmdr. K'Muhl is scheduled to go into brain surgery sometime after Thanksgiving. He is in good spirits and seems to be doing very well. May Kahless watch over him and guide the hands of his doctors.

Lt. Cmdr. Qamtin told me that everything with the Squadron is basically on hold until K'Muhl's situation improves. They have to concentrate on helping him and his family now. They are acting with great honor and I salute them.

### *IKV Mahless Star*

No report received for this quarter.

### *IKV Mahless Storm*

No report received for this quarter.

### *IKV Mahless Heart*

No report received for this quarter.

## BATTLES TO COME!!!! DARK STAR QUADRANT CALENDAR

God protect us all as we congregate to celebrate *Star Trek* and other science fiction / fantasy / horror hobbies.

Please refer to the following to get the latest on convention information.

SF Lovers Global Listing [www.sflovers.org/Reference/fandom/conlist/cons2.html](http://www.sflovers.org/Reference/fandom/conlist/cons2.html)

Southern Fandom Resource Guide <http://scenic-city.com/sfgr/>

The Starfleet Conventions Page [www.sfi.org/html/cons.html](http://www.sfi.org/html/cons.html)

About Star Trek Fans (Convention Listing) with Julia Houston

<http://Startrek.miningco.com/tvradio/startrek/cs/conventions/index.htm>

(look under the box on the left that says ESSENTIALS and click on Convention Information)



November 6-8	Asheville Film Festival	-- Asheville, NC	<a href="http://www.peedeeworld.net/~cometvideo/filmfest.htm">www.peedeeworld.net/~cometvideo/filmfest.htm</a>
November 7-8	NekoCon 6	-- Virginia Beach, VA	<a href="http://www.nekocon.org/">www.nekocon.org/</a>
November 7-9	Beach Bash	-- Myrtle Beach, SC	<a href="http://beachbash.virtualave.net">http://beachbash.virtualave.net</a>
November 7-9	Rising Star 12	-- Salem, VA	<a href="http://www.rising-star.org/">www.rising-star.org/</a>
November 14-16	Fall-In '03	-- Timonium, MD	<a href="http://www.fall-in.org">www.fall-in.org</a>

November 14-16	MACE	-- High Point, NC	<a href="http://www.justusproductions.com">www.justusproductions.com</a>
November 21-23	Anime USA	-- Tyson's Corner, VA	<a href="http://www.animeusa.org">www.animeusa.org</a>
November 21-23	Capclave	-- Silver Spring, MD	<a href="http://www.wsta.org/capco3/">www.wsta.org/capco3/</a>
November 28-30	Darkover Grand Council Meeting XXVI	-- Timonium, MD	<a href="mailto:jaelle@darkovercon.com">jaelle@darkovercon.com</a>
December 5-7	Klingon Feast*	-- Los Vegas, NV	<a href="mailto:benuh3@cs.com">benuh3@cs.com</a>
December 12-14	Collectors Showcase	-- Richmond, VA	<a href="http://www.csashows.com/">www.csashows.com/</a>
<b>2004</b>			
January 2-4	Evecon	-- Reston, VA	<a href="http://www.fantek.org/fantek2/econ/">www.fantek.org/fantek2/econ/</a>
January 23-25	Marscon	-- Williamsburg, VA	<a href="mailto:registration@marscon.net">registration@marscon.net</a>
February 5-8	WAM	-- Hunt Valley, MD	<a href="http://www.wamconvention.com/">www.wamconvention.com/</a>
February 13-15	Far Point	-- Hunt Valley, MD	<a href="mailto:trekcontact@home.com">trekcontact@home.com</a> or <a href="mailto:trekcontact@comcast.net">trekcontact@comcast.net</a>
February 13-15	Katsucon	-- Arlington, VA	<a href="http://www.katsucon.org/">www.katsucon.org/</a>
February 25-29	PrezCon Winter Nationals	-- Charlottesville, VA	<a href="http://www.prezcon.com/">www.prezcon.com/</a>
February 27-29	ShevaCon 12	-- Roanoke, VA	<a href="http://www.shevacon.org/">www.shevacon.org/</a>
February 27-29	Tales of Pendragon	-- Timonium, MD	<a href="http://www.talesofpendragon.org">www.talesofpendragon.org</a>
February 28-Mar 2	JohnCon 2003	-- Baltimore, MD	<a href="mailto:johncon@ihu.edu">johncon@ihu.edu</a>
March 19-21	Galacticon*	-- Chattanooga, TN	<a href="http://www.galacticoninc.com/">www.galacticoninc.com/</a>
March 19-21	Stellarcon 28	-- High Point, NC	<a href="http://www.uncg.edu/student.groups/sf3/stellarcon.htm">www.uncg.edu/student.groups/sf3/stellarcon.htm</a>
March 19-21	Technicon 21	-- Blacksburg, VA	<a href="http://www.technicon.org/">www.technicon.org/</a>
March 26-28	Madicon 13	-- Harrisonburg, VA	<a href="mailto:conchair@madicon.org">conchair@madicon.org</a>

**\*NOT IN DARK STAR QUADRANT, BUT OF INTEREST TO KLINGONS!**



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# GLORIOUS BATTLE AND RECENT VICTORIES!!!!

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## Dragon\*Con

August 28 - September 1 -- Atlanta, GA

### *Dark Star Quadrant*

The sky was filled with Klingon ships descending upon their prey. From all sectors of the galaxy they came pouring in. It was a time of battle. It was a time of drinking and feasting. It was a time of swapping tales of conquest. It was a time of joy. It was . . . Dragon\*Con!

The Death Touch Squadron was moderately represented at this gathering. Attendees were Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr vestai-Atratties-Septaric, Lt. Katkith vestai, and Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric, all from the *IKV Raging Wolf*. A diplomatic hostage was brought along, one Captain Robert Bailey of the *Star Trek* Independent Fleet. The Klingon cargo vessel flew without incident into her docking coordinates, Asteroid Trav'l Odge. The accommodations were cramped, but no challenge to seasoned Warriors used to the confines of a ship in space.

Upon arriving we docked and offloaded. Then we went in search of sustenance, afterwards we stood in a long line at the customs to get processed. After enduring that boring period of time (they should hook up a holo-play somewhere in the customs hall), we returned to our accommodations. Soon, our other comrades, Lt. Ka'Rowe vestai-Septaric, CO of the *IKV Krazyknife* of the Cold Revenge Quadrant, Cold Terror Fleet, and Lt. Ka'Leth vestai-Septaric, XO, landed and offloaded. Together we went cloaked in search of adventure. Ka'Leth and Ka'Rowe had to pull security duty, as is fitting for a Klingon.

The next earth day, Friday, Kehlyr moved to her new accommodations with Cmdr. Skal sutai-Mack-M'rel-Martok. Later that evening L. Captain Kaltia Knight of the *IKV Executioner*, and her diplomatic escort, Nikki Pope, would arrive. After armoring up that morning, Kehlyr (of which this was her first visit to Dragon\*Con, as well as Kaltia's) went to her comrades' accommodations. They then went to man the table that Ka'Rowe and Ka'Leth had set up to raise money for the Heart Association. This proved to be an exercise in futility as expenses were not even met.

Friday night there was a KAG meeting on floor 10 of the Marriott. Much business was taken care of and a special guest was there, Korath, aka Vaughn Armstrong. In another life, he was also Korris, the Warrior who first revealed to humanity the Klingon death howl. He and his infectious enthusiasm are always welcome at our gatherings. Other Dark Star Quadrant Klingons, other than Keela and Kehlyr, seen at that gathering were Lt. Cmdr. GortoK vestai-QIHqem and Cmdr. K'Rahja sutai-T'aw of the *IKV Shadowrider*.

The next earth day, Saturday, heralded the 2nd Annual Dragon\*Con parade. All Klingons assembled at the start up point many light years (it seemed) from our accommodations. Transportation of the banners was facilitated by the *IKV Krazyknife*. Separated from the Klingon contingent, Kehlyr, Robert and Skal were picked up by a kindly hu-man in a ground vessel and transported, at near warp speed, to where they needed to be. Skal marched, Kehlyr rode on the back of Qolar K'Lad's bike, and Robert was assigned a position near the Grand Marshal, George Takei.

The *IKV Krazyknife* vessel was decorated already with Klingon symbols and wording, and required little else, but a couple of weapons were hung on her side and she was suitably manned by Klingons. Lt. Ka'Rowe piloted the ship. Lt. Ka'Leth rode shotgun. L. Captain Kaltia and Cmdr. Keela (who had temporarily twisted her knee) rode on the tailgate. This was the final Klingon element in the Dragon\*Con parade, which was glorious!

Afterwards there was a Promotion / Awards Ceremony held in the Marriott. At least 25 Klingons from KAG were in attendance, nearly all of them armored. From Dark Star Quadrant were: Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric, Commanding Officer; Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties-Septaric, Quadrant Quartermistress; L. Captain Kaltia Knight, Quadrant IXL Liaison; Cmdr. Skal sutai-Mack-M'rel-Martok, CO of the *IKV Demonlance*; Lt. Cmdr. Gortok vestai-QIHqem, CO of the *IKV Shadowrider*, Lt. Cmdr. K'Targ vestai-B'ry, CO of the *IKV Stonedagger*, and L. Lt. Hugh the Borg of the *IKV Blood Claw*.

The Dragon\*Con Ship of Honor was the *IKV Nemesis*, and she also received the Dark Moon Fleet Ship of Honor for 2003. *Qapla!!* The Dark Star Quadrant Ship of Honor was the *IKV Executioner* and the Dark Phoenix Quadrant Ship of Honor was the *IKAV Rogue Phoenix*. *Qapla!!!*

Lt. Ka'Rowe and Lt. Ka'Leth were called forward by Captain Kolex, who then mentioned that they had been promoted from tai to vestai level recently. Keela mentioned that they had achieved 22 battlenotches each in a year's time, a great feat. They were honored by their fellow Warriors growls of approval and congratulation. Keela was also presented a death sting (a form of Klingon disruptor) from Lt. Ka'Rowe on behalf of service rendered to the *IKV Krazyknife*.

Dark Star Quadrant had at least two Klingon Commanders represented there. They were Lt. Cmdr. GortoK vestai-QIHqem, CO of the *IKV Shadowrider* and Lt. Cmdr. K'Targ vestai-B'ry (a new household formed by K'Targ), CO of the *IKV Stonedagger*. It was an honor to see them.

Later that evening an invasion of Hooters took place. The Klingons were escorted to the top floor of the establishment and basically took over. Good food, good bloodwine and good fellowship all made for a festive evening. Writer Danny Donovan sat with Keela, Kehlyr, Ka'Leth, and Ka'Rowe.

The next earth day, Sunday, while out doing recognizance, Kehlyr and Keela attended the costume making workshop by friend, TB976, aka Cheralyn Lambeth. It was a pleasure to sit in on her lecture, as always, though they were late getting there. Kehlyr even had the opportunity to speak a few words

about armoring as a Klingon as well, which was a great honor for her.

Keela and Kehlyr were asked to be available to provide security for the Miss Klingon Beauty Pageant, but were ultimately not used. Just prior to the pageant, Keela finally got her holo-image from James Marsters signed, thanks to Cmdr. Skal. She is a big fan of that vampire. She is very grateful to Skal for facilitating Chancellor Martok for signing her copies of his book.

[Definite Plug: The *Left Hand of Destiny*, books 1 and 2, are GREAT!!!! Buy them and support J. G.'s hard work!!! See Keela's article on page 3]

Miss Klingon Beauty Pageant was glorious as usual. Katkith preserved the event on his holo-imager. Kehlyr, Keela and Ka'Rowe attended; this was the first year that Keela did not participate since attending the convention as a Klingon. The participant from Dark Star Quadrant, Lt. K'dessa tai-Mack-M'rel-Martok of the *IKV Demonlance*, fought bravely and valiantly, but was alas not the winner.

Dark Star Quadrant salutes her! This is the second year she has been a major contender in this contest. The Lorensith winning streak was finally broken this year! Perhaps Keela will try again next year, finances permitting her to even attend.

There was a beautiful Klingon wedding, but unfortunately none of the attendees from Death Touch Squadron got to see that. The only thing that was seen was holo-footage provided weeks later by Captain Bailey from the intergalactic information broker, Trek Trak. (To obtain copies of videotapes from this year's Trek Trak, go to [www.dragoncon.net/dc/trektrak/videos.htm](http://www.dragoncon.net/dc/trektrak/videos.htm))

Later that evening there was Ten Forward, a gathering of humans and aliens, friend and foe, for celebration. All the members of Death Touch Squadron were there, as well as others from Dark Star Quadrant. Hugh the Borg from the *IKV Blood Claw* and another Borg were there. It was rumored that Keela might have been partially assimilated. Time will tell.

Ten Forward was a great occasion, as usual, but several left when the hotel people began acting suspiciously. Sure enough the place was apparently busted. Keela had evacuated all of her crew and roommates well in advance and passed the word along to a few others. Last year's experience had taught her a valuable lesson and she got her people out as soon as she saw the same manager sniffing around again.

The Imperial / KAG party was a great success! Much good food and bloodwine was available in the two room suite. A lot of Klingons passed through and all had a marvelous time. Thanks to Jevral for this!

On Sunday evening Kehlyr got a picture signed from J. G. Hertzler "With Love from Martok" Kehlyr also got a photo of the Beastmaster, and got an autographed picture. (Wonder if he thought he could tame that Klingon heart! NOT!!!)

On Monday all of the Death Touch Squadron boarding party packed up and went cloaked abroad for whatever further business they had at Dragon\*Con. Keela wanted to find George Takei to give him a present (she had another painted rock for him), but was unsuccessful with her hunt. Efforts are underway to secure another venue of transport. Kehlyr and Keela journeyed back to their home coordinates with Ka'Leth and Ka'Rowe. Ka'Rowe gave Ka'Leth command of the *IKV Krazyknife* and she transferred to the *IKV Raging Wolf*. *Qapla'!*

It is hoped that next year's Dragon\*Con will be even more glorious!

## K'LASSIFIED ADS!

KAG t-shirts are combination regular 50/50 cotton/poly and beefy t's from small to 2X -- \$20 each (beefy t's \$25) plus S & H

## KA'ROWE'S WEAPONS LOCKER

Wooden Mek'Leth's are \$10 each plus S & H

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Wooden Daq'tagh's (no side points) with sheath are \$10 each plus S & H (not pictured)



## 2nd Annual Dragon\*Con Parade



*Captain Robert Bailey, Federation Group Leader, watches over Captain Hikaru Sulu (aka George Takei) during the 2nd Annual Dragon\*Con Parade.*



*Captain Hikaru Sulu (aka George Takei) gives the Vulcan greeting. In the background a cloaked Lt. Katkith vestai readies his holo-imager.*



*The Klingons followed Captain Sulu in the 2nd Annual Dragon\*Con Parade. They made a formidable showing.*



*Klingons on the march in Downtown Hotlanta! Qapla'!!!!*



*The Klingon spirit is never daunted . . . today is a GOOD DAY to MARCH!! and Lt.Miquel vestai-Mack-M'rel-Martok is more than ready!*



*The beauty of a Klingon woman, in this case, Marine Captain Q'Sin vestai-DevnoH, draws every hu-man's eye . . . and a few Klingon's as well!*